LINCOLN SENSE

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"A penny saved is a penny earned."
"A penny for your thoughts."
"The penny postcard."
"The penny scale."
"The penny black" (The first adhesive postage stamp, 1840.)
"Penny bank."
"Penny board" (First type of coin album)
"Penny vending machines." (Usually sold chewing gum.)
"Penny candy". (Many candies sold by the piece for one cent in the pre-WWII era)
"Penny ante" (Means cheap, such as a card game for one cent bets.)
"Penny pincher" (Cheapskate)
"Penniless" (Means broke.)

Come to the Long Beach Coin Show June 3-6, 1999. c c c c c

Old Issues Wanted

SLCC member Randy Otrey eagerly wants early issues of LINCOLN SENSE (1982-1986). Anyone with some or all of these issues please contact SLCC. Xerox copies ok.

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Book Orders

Book orders received so far have been processed and shipped out. Any orders received before June 1, 1999 will be shipped postpaid (you save $4.95). Softcover $19.95 and hardback $39.95. At this time, only 48 copies of the hardback remain of a printing of 100 copies. Press releases have been sent (early April) to COIN WORLD, NUMISMATIC NEWS, the ANA, COINAGE magazine, and several coin show promoters. The new 4th edition is larger than before (8.5x11), has over 1,000 revisions, over 200 photos and drawings, over 300 pages, and contains about 50% more text than the earlier editions. Compared to the other Lincoln cent books, it is more current, more detailed, contains more on each date of issue, and in most cases, retails for less. And it is the first book on the subject since 1996. A new book by Wexler et al covers the pricing of Lincoln Cent mint mark varieties, available at $21.95. Contact your numismatic supplier on this one.

The first public showing of the new book will be at the Long Beach Coin Show June 5th at the SLCC meeting 11am in mezzanine room 102C. Copies sold at the show will be autographed by the author.

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New 1943S bronze confirmed

Superior Coin Company revealed in March, 1999 that they had the newest confirmed 1943S (the fifth one known) copper (bronze) cent. It most likely is in the process of being slabbed by one of the certification services and will probably be featured in an upcoming auction. The coin was shown on TV when there was a flurry of news stories in March about someone losing a 1943 bronze cent.

Mail Bid sale #96. Closing date May 30, 1999.

Please mail your bids in early. In case of a tie, the earlier bid wins. Bids must be in whole, half or quarter dollar amounts--no $7.11 or $8.15. Please use the enclosed bid sheet or replica.

Long Beach Consignment

Lot Description

1 1890 Indian cent PCGS Pf64RB, glistening rainbow hues, flashy mirror fields. Mintage only 2,740. Pop 74/16.
2 1894 Indian Pf64RB (similar to #1), olive sea green mirrors in Custom Capital holder. Mintage 2,632.
3 1909 VDB 1-0-IV doubled die obverse XF45, scarce DDO
4 1910 MS64RD sharp, satin matte like fields
5 1918 VG8, 1918D VG8, 1918S XF40 (3 coins this lot)
6 1920 MS65RD, misaligned die(obv about 5% off center)
7 Ten rolls 1968S AU-BU (500 coins this lot)

Minnesota Consignment

8 1919P,D,S matched XF45 trio
9 1930 MS66RD, golden gem blazer
10 1934D MS65RD
11 1935S MS65RD, sharp
12 1936 Matched set of P,D,S all MS65RD
13 1 937D MS65RD
14 1938S MS65RD RPM#1b
15 1938S MS65 RPM#2, the triple S
16 1939D MS65RD
17 1941D MS65RD
18 1941S MS65RD, large S
19 1942S MS65RD
20 1960 MS65RD, small date
21 1997 MS65RD, 10% off center
22 Complete 1934-1958 in 2 album pages (71 coins) all BU

Idaho Consignment

23 1909VDB MS65RD, faint VDB variety
24 1909 MS66RD
25 1910 MS65RD, maybe 66
26 1919 MS63 BN obv, RB rev
27 1919 MS65RD, sharp
28 1920 MS66RD golden gem blazer
29 1926 MS63 rainbow hues RB
30 1926 MS66RD, golden gem blazer

Mail Bid Sale #96...continued...

31 1927 AU55

32 1927 MS66RD, golden gem blazer

33 1929 MS66RD, golden gem blazer

34 1930D MS66RD golden gem blazer

35 1932 MS63RB

36 1934D MS63RD, slight toning

37 1937D MS66RD, golden gem blazer

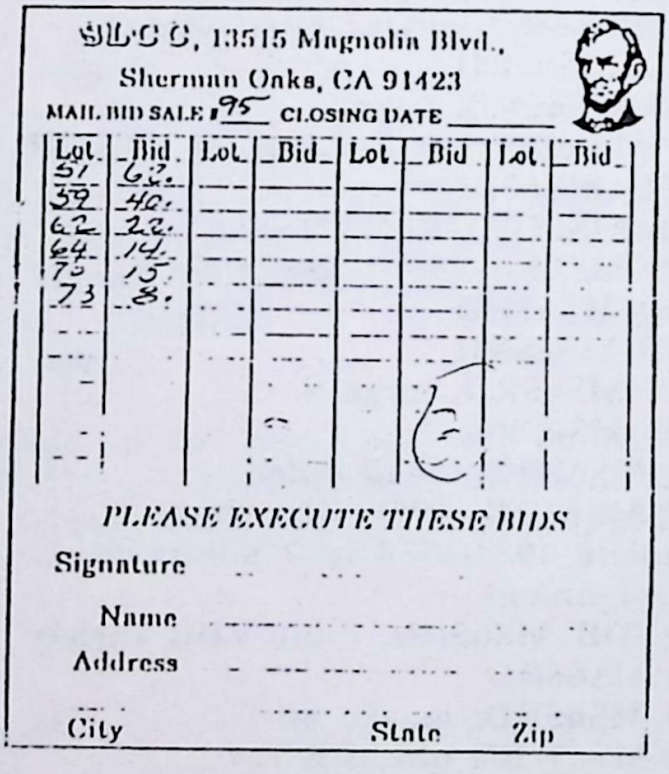
Los Angeles Consignment

38 1993S PCGS Pf69DCAM, highest grade

39 1994S PCGS Pf69DCAM, highest grade

40 1995S PCGS Pf69DCAM, highest grade

The copy of a bid sheet below was for 6 lots in Mail Bid Sale #95. The bidder did not fill out the bottom of the sheet so we don't know who bid on these lots. If you recognize this sheet, please notify SLC at once. If not, SLCC will offer these lots in the next sale. Office # (818)789-8184.



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MAIL BID SALE #95 CLOSING DATE _____

Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid
51	62.						
52	40.						
62	22.						
64	14.						
72	15						
73	8.						

PLEASE EXECUTE THESE BIDS

Signature

Name

Address

City State Zip

Dr. Taylor receives Life Achievement Award

The page below announces the award granted by a vote of the members of the Advanced Lincoln Cent Collectors.

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The LCS second annual lifetime achievement award

Sol Taylor is this years winner of this most illustrious LCS award!!!!.

At this time of year, we often take pause for reflection. As we reflect on the past, we also review specific achievements. That is why this is a good time of year for the awarding of the LCS lifetime achievement award.

The balloting this year was reflective of last years. It was fast, furious and diverse. LCS members from all over the country cast their votes for the numismatist who they felt has contributed the most to the hobby (at least as far as the collection of Lincoln cents is concerned).

Well the results are in and tabulated at last. Yeah!!!

The line-up of nominated candidates was as follows (in alphabetical order of course). I have also included last year's results so that you can compare them with this years results:

1)	Bill Fivaz	12%
2)	Kevin Flynn	10%
3)	Alan Herbert	9%
4)	Robert Julian	1%
5)	David Lange	1%
6)	Arni Margolis	9%
7)	J.T. Stanton	5%
8)	Sol Taylor	18%
9)	**John Wexler**	**25%**

You should note that sense John Wexler won last year, he is eliminated from further contention and thus was not on this year's ballot.

In addition to the above candidates we had many write in ballots. The many write in candidates were Harry Ellis, Ed Miller, Lonesome John Devine, James Wiles and David Bowers. We even had a write in vote for Victor D Brenner. I guess when you think about it, he is as good a candidate as any. After all, without his contributions, there would be no Lincoln cents and no LCS.

Before weget to the results of the election, lets first review what the winner receives.

The winner will receive an honorary lifetime membership to the LCS as well as a beautiful carved acrylic trophy not-

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Assay Commission

From 1792 until 1976 the United States Mint submitted samples of its current coinage to an annual Assay Commission made up of selected government officials and about 20 members of the public (usually numismatists). They met in Philadelphia early in February. However, in 1977 Pres. Carter's administration cut down on a number of commissions, boards, and agencies and cut the Assay Commission out of the Treasury budget. Dr. Taylor was named to the 1977 commission, but was notified by Mint Director Mary Brooks that the 1977 commission did not include the public and would be the last one held. None has met since then.
(See letter on the next page.)

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Mail Bid Sale #95 Results

Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid
1	230.	21	36.	41	15.	61	10.50	81	4.
2	3.	22	25.	42	15.	62	22.	82	2.
3	94.	23	29.	43	45.50	63	60.	83	4.
4	5.75	24	13.	44	53.	64	50	84	4.
5	6.	25	10.	45	22.	65	7.50	85	3.
6	21.	26	16.25	46	89.	66	5.	86	2.
7	3.	27	14.	47	37.	67	4.	87	nb
8	1.50	28	14.	48	35.	68	23.	88	30.
9	35.	29	12.75	49	8.75	69	3.	89	20.
10	35.	30	15.	50	38.	70	15.		
11	650.	31	6.25	51	85.	71	3.		
12	15.	32	6.50	52	7.50	72	5.		
13	15.	33	10.	53	6.	73	8.		
14	15.	34	6.	54	5.25	74	3.		
15	15.	35	3.	55	13.25	75	3.		
16	21.	36	5.50	56	16.	76	nb		
17	21.	37	6.	57	32.	77	1.25		
18	21.	38	3.	58	3.	78	100.		
19	2.	39	1.	59	40.	79	2.50		
20	4.25t	40	64.	60	10.	80	3.		

nb = no bid
t=tie bid

1977 Assay Commission

DEPARTMENT O THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

February 11, 1977

Dr. Sol Taylor
P. O. Box 51
Orange, California 92666

Dear Dr. Taylor:

Friday, February 11 will be my last day as Director of the Mint but I cannot leave office without further expressing to you my deep regret that this year the new administration decided not to appoint public members to the historic United States Assay Commission.

The Commission did convene at the Philadelphia Mint on Wednesday, February 9, as specified by law. However, it was confined to the ex-officio members--the judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the acting Comptroller of the Currency, and the assayer of the Assay Office in New York and a representative from the Bureau of Standards. These gentlemen received the traditional Assay Commission medal for 1977 as did the supporting Mint and Treasury officials; the remaining will be destroyed.

Since I did submit your name to the White House as a potential 1977 Assay Commissioner I hope you will consider this the numismatic honor I deem it to be.

I am certain you share with me as members of the numismatic community the respect for the historic importance of a commission that has met nearly every year since it was first created in 1792.

I am hopeful that the powers-that-be will reconsider next year once they realize the true significance of the Assay Commission, the oldest commission in the United States. A check of the nation's coinage by the citizenry has an excellent psychological effect upon the officer of the coinage mints. It has great virtue to keeping our coinage standards at the highest levels.

Best wishes and again many apologies for the interruption of an age-old tradition.

Sincerely,

Mary Brooks
Director of the Mint

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; that they are the recipient of the 1998 LCS lifetime hievement award. They will also receive a plaque ting their many contributions to the hobby in the area Lincoln cents.

st as last year, our system voting went EXCEP-ONALLY well. I am glad t we have chosen this for-t for all of the LCS awards the future.

re is a brief review for se of you who are unfa-liar with our voting proce-re. LCS elections are newhat special in that ev-one casts three (3) votes. ey simply designate their ee choices and rank them , 2nd and 3rd. Every 1st place vote receives 3 nts. Every 2nd place vote receives 2 points. Every place vote receives 1 point. The person, who umulates the most points, wins.

s is similar to the way the sports writers of America uct people onto the baseball hall of fame. The big ference between the LCS and the SWoA is in how ple become eligible for the ballots. Also, they uire a certain percentage of the vote before they can er the hall of fame.

for the balloting here are the actual results.

1)	Sol Taylor	25%
2)	David Lange	14%
3)	Alan Herbert	13%
4)	Arni Margolis	10%
5)	Kevin Flynn	8%
6)	Bill Fivaz	6%
7)	Robert Julian	6%
8)	Harry Ellis	4%
9)	Victor Brenner	4%
10)	Ed Miller	3%
11)	Lonesome John Devine	3%
12)	JT Stanton	1%
13)	James Wiles	1%
14)	Q David Bowers	1%

It is interesting to note that not a single one of o members placed his votes for the top three participan in the correct sequence (1st through 3rd). Last ye only one of our members nailed the exact order. I gue that this feat is a little bit more difficult than it appear

The LCS would like to thank all of the club membe

for their participation in this election. It was o through your participation that this election became successful as it was.

As for next year, Sol will be removed from the list candidates, just like John Wexler was this year (you only win this award o which makes it a very ill trious honor). All others w received votes will be carr over to next year's ball People who are on the list 5 years without receivin min of 10% of the vote in a one of the 5 years will dropped from the ballot fo min of three years. They w become eligible for nomi tion again after the three y span.

We are so happy with the results of this year's awa that we will be looking at expanding the award progr in the future. Anyone with ideas and recommendati in this regard should contact the club via our P.O. B Thank you for your support and Hope to hear from y soon

oin of the Month

The 1955S cent is and has been a popular collector coin. First, in 955 it was announced that the San Francisco Mint would close down nd make no more coins after 1955. Thus the 1955S cent and dime (the nly two denominations made in 1955 at San Francisco) would become arce items. So they were hoarded. The late Robert Friedberg had everal million 1955S cents in storage when he passed away several ears ago. And in fact, these BU rolls were worth as much as $25 at one me. Today they are valued at about half that. However, one particular ariety stands out. It is the "triple S" RPM (shown below). SLCC has ffered a few for sale and they fetch from $3 to $5 each. There is no ctual survey of the frequency of this variety, but most collectors regard nem as "scarce".

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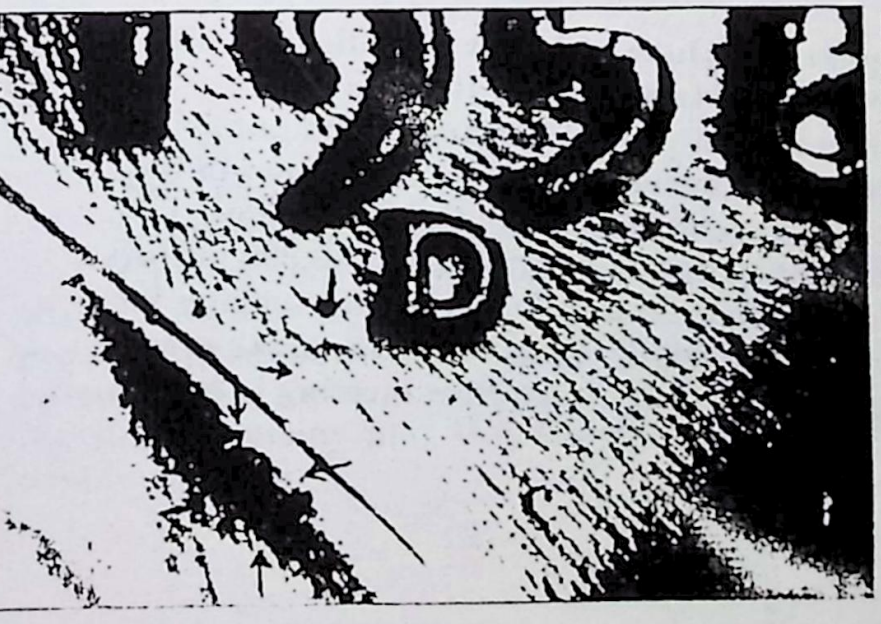
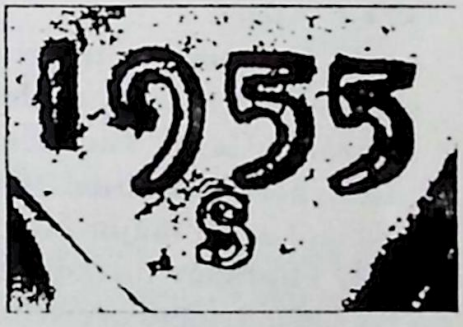
958D Triple D?

Error specialist John Wexler published his findings of an xtraordinary RPM which he has designated as WRPM-021. It is a 958D with a D/D to the west. In addition, there appears to be a faint D mpressed upon the fold of Lincoln's vest! If so, this would be the most lisplaced RPM yet. The Photo below shows traces of the two earlier nintmarks (noted by arrows). This find was reported in The Centinel, he quarterly of the LCS.

If anyone has a similar (or earlier die state) of this RPM, contact SLCC. So far, only one specimen is known.





Mailing List Update

In March we hired a computer maven to upgrade our mailing list to a database and format it so it will print on a better style of label. The April mailing went well. However, it was discovered that the membership numbers were dropped from the labels—we prefer they be restored for various purposes. So starting this month, some (about 10%) have been restored (it's harder than we thought). Also, a few names got dropped (we found them and restored them), some names got smushed (i.e. Jdsmith instead of J.D. Smith). We have been going, name by name, through the new list to correct errors, update any changes, and sharpen up where needed. Life members have an arbitrary expriation date of 04-01-04. We are working on that—it seems the new system REQUIRES an expiration date. And a few newer members never made it on the list—we've fixed that (hopefully). Thanks for your understanding. If your label needs changing, let us know. SLCC by e-mail is SLCC2@aol.com.

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SLCC Meets

SLCC meets at the regular (Feb,June and Oct) Long Beach Coin show –the Saturday of the show at 11am in room 102C on the mezzanine level. The meeting is open to all collectors. Flyers publicizing SLCC are distributed at the show (one of the largest coin shows in the US) and are a major factor in recruiting new members. The shows run from Thursday through Sunday and usually draw about 10,000 visitors. Over 300 dealers are set up and chances are whatever your looking for will be found there. Also if you are selling, chances are there are ready and willing buyers on hand to meet your needs. Next meeting is June 5. See you there.

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Used commemorative stamps wanted

SLCC accumulates used commemorative stamps and makes up packets for local 4th and 5th grade teachers to use as teaching aids. SLCC uses commems on its mailings and truly appreciates the excellent response of members who return used stamps. So, when you mail in your dues or mail bid sheet, please remember to include the used stamps on our mailing (plus any others you find).

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Membership Report

The following new members have joined since the last issue of Lincoln Sense:

R1279	Richard Colston	CA	R1280	Bernard P. Vigna	ME
R1281	Jason Puglisi	NY	R1282	Mike Kurtis	AZ

Welcome.

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Mintages by Year

SLCC member Stephen J. Cohen compiled the mintage data of Lincoln cents from 1909 through 1958 and arranged them in order of total annual production. It makes for interesting reading since we usually look at individual years and mints rather than annual output. *(See next page.)*

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Centsworthy

One cent means "one hundredth" (of a dollar).

A cent is one millimeter thick.

A penny is a British coin common from the middle ages first as a silver coin and during the Colonial period, a large copper piece. The penny existed until the 1960s when it was replaced by "new pence" based on the decimal system. Our early one cent coppers looked like the English penny and was called by most people a "penny". Most people still do.

LINCOLN WHEAT CENTS, 1909-1958
Mintages by Year, Lowest to Highest

	Year	Philadelphia	Denver	San Francisco	Total Mintage
1.	1922	---	7,160,000	---	7,160,000
2.	1932	9,062,000	10,500,000	---	19,562,000
3.	1933	14,360,000	6,200,000	---	20,560,000
4.	1931	19,396,000	4,480,000	866,000	24,742,000
5.	1921	39,157,000	---	15,274,000	54,431,000
6.	1915	29,092,120	22,050,000	4,833,000	55,975,120
7.	1914	75,238,432	1,193,000	4,137,000	80,568,432
8.	1912	68,153,060	10,411,000	4,431,000	82,995,060
9.	1923	74,723,000	---	8,700,000	83,423,000
10.	1924	75,178,000	2,520,000	11,696,000	89,394,000
11.	1913	76,532,352	15,804,000	6,101,000	98,437,352
12.	1909	100,697,618	---	2,309,000	103,006,618
13.	1911	101,177,787	12,672,000	4,026,000	117,875,787
14.	1910	146,801,218	---	6,045,000	152,846,218
15.	1928	134,116,000	31,170,000	17,266,000	182,552,000
16.	1927	144,440,000	27,170,000	14,276,000	185,886,000
17.	1925	139,949,000	22,580,000	26,380,000	188,909,000
18.	1926	157,088,000	28,020,000	4,550,000	189,658,000
19.	1916	131,833,677	35,956,000	22,510,000	190,299,677
20.	1938	156,696,734	20,010,000	15,180,000	191,886,734
21.	1930	157,415,000	40,100,000	24,286,000	221,801,000
22.	1934	219,080,000	28,446,000	---	247,526,000
23.	1929	185,262,000	41,730,000	50,148,000	277,140,000
24.	1917	196,429,785	55,120,000	32,620,000	284,169,785
25.	1935	245,388,000	47,000,000	38,702,000	331,090,000
26.	1918	288,104,634	47,830,000	34,680,000	370,614,634
27.	1936	309,637,569	40,620,000	29,130,000	379,387,569
28.	1939	316,479,520	15,160,000	52,070,000	383,709,520
29.	1937	309,179,320	50,430,000	34,500,000	394,109,320
30.	1920	310,165,000	49,280,000	46,220,000	405,665,000
31.	1954	71,873,350	251,552,500	96,190,000	419,615,850
32.	1949	217,775,000	153,132,500	64,290,000	435,197,500
33.	1947	190,555,000	194,750,000	99,000,000	484,305,000
34.	1948	317,570,000	172,637,500	81,735,000	571,942,500
35.	1919	392,021,000	57,154,000	139,760,000	588,935,000
36.	1950	272,686,386	334,950,000	118,505,000	726,141,386
37.	1940	586,825,872	81,390,000	112,940,000	781,155,872
38.	1955	330,958,200	563,257,500	44,610,000	938,825,700
39.	1942	657,828,600	206,698,000	85,590,000	950,116,600
40.	1951	284,633,500	625,355,000	136,010,000	1,045,998,500
41.	1958	253,400,652	800,953,300	---	1,054,353,952
42.	1952	186,856,980	746,130,000	137,800,004	1,070,786,984
43.	1943	684,628,670	217,660,000	191,550,000	1,093,838,670
44.	1941	887,039,100	128,700,000	92,360,000	1,108,099,100
45.	1953	256,883,800	700,515,000	181,835,000	1,139,183,800
46.	1957	283,787,952	1,051,342,000	---	1,335,129,952
47.	1945	1,040,515,000	266,268,000	181,770,000	1,488,553,000
48.	1946	991,655,000	315,690,000	198,100,000	1,505,445,000
49.	1956	421,414,384	1,098,201,100	---	1,519,615,484
50.	1944	1,435,400,000	430,578,000	282,760,000	2,148,738,000
		13,995,091,272	9,070,526,400	2,755,741,004	25,821,358,676

Source: Yeoman, R.S., A Guide Book of United States Coins, 45th ed. (1991).